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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 July 2007.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8-24-07
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____

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The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Claim 1 recites that the flange is provided throughout with regularly distributed minute projections or minute recesses. The projections and recesses are shown in Fig. 4. However, there is no support for projections or recesses being regularly distributed. The embodiment of Fig. 4 is believed to be claimed by claims 1-3 since claim 1 mentions both vertical corrugations and lateral corrugations and minute projections and minute recesses. However, there is no discussion of the dimensions of the corrugations. Therefore, discussion of the amplitude (d) of the waveform and the wavelength or pitch (p) of the waveform can't be related to the Fig. 4 embodiment. **This is a new matter rejection.**

The drawing amendment filed July 23, 2007 is not accepted as the changes to Fig. 4B wherein dimensions are added consists of new matter.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the projections or recesses being provided throughout the flange and the projections and recesses being regularly distributed about the flange as stated in claim 1 and the dimensions of the waveform as added to the embodiment

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of Fig. 4 having the minute projections and minute recesses as stated in claims 2 and 3 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim 1 is objected to because the structure of the flange provided with projections or recesses doesn't show the projections or recesses provided throughout the flange and doesn't show the projections or recesses regularly distributed. Claims 2 and 3 are objected to because their structure is not properly shown in a drawing as the dimensions do not appear in Fig. 4.

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: page 6, lines 10-13 are incorrect for the reason that the outer peripheral edge 11a doesn't appear to be corrugated when seen in horizontal direction as shown in Fig. 2C.

Appropriate correction is required.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gentry.

With respect to claim 1, Gentry discloses a packaging container

molded of a synthetic resin sheet (see paragraph [0017])having an opening (defined at

the upper end of the sidewall 14), the container comprising a flange (rim 16) projecting

outwardly from the opening, the flange is provided throughout with regularly distributed

minute projections (the uppermost portion or crest of the waves 20) or minute recesses

(the lowermost portion or trough of the waves 20) and an outer peripheral edge of the

flange forms a vertically (the wave pattern of the outer peripheral edge extends in a

vertical direction) corrugated edge (see Fig. 1 and 3-6) defined by a line crossing the

projections or recesses (this outer peripheral edge line is substantially circular and has

the wave pattern, this line is perpendicular to the ridge and groove lines formed by the

projections and recesses, respectively).

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gentry.

With respect to claims 2 & 3, Gentry discloses a waveform of a vertically corrugated edge with a difference (amplitude of the waveform) within the range of not more than 0.5 mm as the stated 11 mils, 17 mils, 16 mils and 18 mils (see paragraphs [0026-0028]) are all within this range. Gentry fails to disclose the stated pitch or wavelength dimensions of a waveform of a vertically corrugated edge, a pitch being not being more than 1.0 mm. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to configure the pitch of the waveform as such, since it has been held that discovering an optimum value of a result effective variable involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Boesch*, 617 F.2d 272,205 USPQ 215 (CCPA 1980). Reducing the pitch or wavelength of Gentry with the same diameter of the bowl will effectively increase the total number of waveforms by a factor greater than 2.5

which will increase the reinforcing effect of the waveforms and enhance the bowl's overall strength.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen J. Castellano whose telephone number is 571-272-4535. The examiner can normally be reached on increased flexibility plan (IFP).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony D. Stashick can be reached on 571-272-4561. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Stephen J. Castellano/
Primary Examiner
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